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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/502,454  
Docket No.: F-9680

Dear Examiner Chen:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 2, 2004, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re Application of**

Naoki Soeda

**Serial No.:** 09/502,454**Group Art Unit:** 2652**Filed:** February 11, 2000**Examiner:** Chen, Tianjie**For:** MAGNETIC DISK APPARATUS WITH SEPARATE PRINTED-CIRCUIT  
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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****JAN 24 2005****AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, and 14-17 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 14-17 have been withdrawn from prosecution. Of the remaining claims, claim 1 is independent.